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9^{br} 11th 1713

Read and assented to by her Majesty's Council and Signed p Order W Bladen Cl. Council

The House adjourns till to Morrow Morning Nine O'Clock.

Thursday Nov. 12th 1713

The House according to Adjournment met and called over were present as yesterday only M^r Leech being sick.

Read what was done yesterday

Ordered and Resolved the following Message in Answer to yesterday's Message be sent to the Council

By the House of Delegates 9^{br} 12th 1713

We are truly sensible of the great Regard your Honours have for the Reputation of this House which we Daily with the utmost Precaution endeavour to preserve from any just Reflection. We hope the worst of Enemies cannot justly charge us with any Neglect of that Nature. The Law relating to the ffines on Ordinary Licenses you was pleased yesterday to favour us with, altho' it was perpetual yet we find that Law and all others were repealed in Anno 1698 and if that Law had been lodged in the proper Office where it ought to have been we should have taken Notice of it before, but both the Records of Assemblies and other Records are now so squandered about in Holes and Bye-Places that it's almost impossible to find those we want. We shall take Care not to offer any Thing to her Sacred Majesty but what we can aver to be true not doubting but out of her usual Clemency and Goodness she will (when our Address is laid before her) do us all the Justice that we do expect or can reasonably desire

Signed p Order Evan Jones D. Cl. Ho. Del.

Sent p Col^o Hoskins, Col^o Blay, Major Sprigg and Major Woolford.

They return and say they delivered their Message.

The Committee appointed to inspect the Records report to this House That they examined the Records in the several Offices and find several of the Books wanting Some should be transcribed and a great many want to be repaired and amended. All which they refer to the Consideration of this House